

Senate Resolution 1199

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th and Brown of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Richard "Dick" Pettys on the occasion of his retirement
2 from *InsiderAdvantageGeorgia* and covering the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard "Dick" Pettys was born on November 25, 1946, in Atlanta,
4 Georgia, and he is a loving husband to Marian Stephanie Suessmith, and a devoted father to
5 their three sons, Richard R. Pettys, Jr., William H. Pettys II, and Clement N. Pettys; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard "Dick" Pettys has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
7 for the vital role that he has played in political reporting under the gold dome and for his
8 deep personal commitment to fairness and the accurate dissemination of the news; and

9 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
10 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his state as evidenced dramatically by his more
11 than three decades of dedicated service as a reporter covering politics and state government
12 first for the Associated Press; and more recently for *InsiderAdvantageGeorgia*, the online
13 political and business newsletter founded first in print and later placed on the web; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure with Associated Press and *InsiderAdvantageGeorgia*, he has
15 been responsible for keeping politicians honest, and no one has greater depth of knowledge
16 about what goes on in the political and corporate communities in our state, a knowledge he
17 used to keep the public well informed and give public servants the ability to make better
18 policy; and

19 WHEREAS, this beloved individual has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
20 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his endeavors
21 which have been recognized by his associates under the gold dome and throughout state
22 government; and

1 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
2 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, his knowledge of where to go and how to get the
3 story first, and his ability to work alongside the members of the General Assembly, gaining
4 their trust while remaining an honest critic, have earned him the respect and admiration of
5 his colleagues, associates, and the members of this body; and

6 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
7 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; his loyalty, competency, reliability, and
8 enthusiasm have distinguished his superlative service to this state.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 commend Mr. Richard "Dick" Pettys for his many decades of efficient, effective, unselfish,
11 and dedicated public service to the citizens of his state and extend to him their most sincere
12 best wishes for continued health and happiness.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Richard "Dick" Pettys.